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Sir Sam's hosts skicross

Competitors tuck, preparing for the first turn in a race during the Snowboard Ontario Speed Series Skicross on Sunday, Jan. 15 at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride in Eagle Lake. The event included a weekend of races for skiers and snowboarders in the Ontario Speed Series Snowboardcross. Locals Abe Churko, Glenn Bagg and Jake O'Neill competed./DARREN LUM Staff

Aggressive winter puts pressure on roads dept.

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Jan. 11 meeting of the Haliburton County roads advisory committee.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said the condition of some county roads has been poor during the first month of what

appears will be a snowy winter.

Roads director Craig Douglas responded there have been instances of equipment being down and staff burnout.

Minden Hills Reeve and County Warden Brent Devolin said the county needed to do what was required to ensure roadways are safe.

"We can increase the [salt and sand] application rate," Devolin said. "I know it's dollars, but it's people's safety."

In cases of extreme weather, Devolin

added he's fine with hiring external contractors to assist the county roads department.

"It's going to be a hard winter and we're going to have to deal with it," said Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch.

"It's going to be costly," said Fearrey, who recommended that during milder periods, the county should have graders out, scraping away icy ridges.

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Committee nixes gas station plan

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

A proposed gas station for the property next to Tim Hortons on County Road 21 has hit an obstacle.

On Jan. 9, the Dysart planning committee recommended denying the zoning bylaw amendment application, which would change the zoning of the property from suburban residential to highway commercial. The zoning change is a requirement for the project to move forward.

The gas station proposal was first brought to council last August by Leo Palozzi of Sunray Developments. The property is owned by local businessman Jerry Walker.

Dysart planning and development director Pat Martin told the committee she continued to have concerns with the proposal for a number of reasons, including the submitted site plan does not meet the required minimum street setbacks and vegetation buffers.

The proposed property is in a designated commercial area as outlined by Dysart's official plan, however Martin said the property is not suitable for the desired use.

"Not every commercial use has to be permitted," she said. "In my opinion this use does not comply with the official plan."

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Talking death over tea and cake

Death Café coming to Haliburton offering open conversation about uncomfortable topic

JENN WATT

Editor

We are all at least a bit curious about death – what comes after life, how to deal with losing someone close to us, how to plan for our own last days – but many of us avoid talking about it.

It makes others uncomfortable and it can be upsetting, but it can also be freeing to set aside the societal constraints and just have a frank chat about what comes next.

On Wednesday, Jan. 25, Haliburton's first "Death Café" will be coming to Baked and Battered. An international movement, Death Cafés have been held in 42 countries since 2011, according to the official website.

In Haliburton, the Death Café is sponsored by Community Support Services and the local CARP chapter and will be facilitated by Yvonne Heath, author of *Love Your Life to Death*. It will follow the standard practices set out by Death Café founder Jon Underwood: that people gather to talk, eat cake, drink tea and chat about dying in order to enjoy their lives more. It is not a grief support group or counselling session, though those experiencing grief are welcome.

"What he [Underwood] wanted is to have a place for people to come to have conversations about death, dying, fears, questions, just open conversation [that is] non-judgmental," says Heath.

North American culture shuns death and many people avoid talking about it, but Heath says it's healthy to open up and let light shine on the subject.

"Talking about these things, that's what diffuses that fear, that anxiety," she says.

The Death Café is free and conversation will follow no set agenda. It can go any direction the group takes

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it. Heath says her role is simply to start the conversation and ensure everyone has a voice.

Often those who attend talks on death and dying are those who believe they are approaching their own deaths or those who have experienced the death of a loved one. However, Heath says there is no "right" age to be discussing this universal subject.

"I would love to see people of all ages there. My goal is to create a culture of change where we normalize these conversations for all generations," she says, noting that no one knows when he or she will die. "We don't all die of old age," she says.

The Death Café is an inclusive event open to all adults whether you have firm ideas about death or are just curious about the event. To find out more about Death Cafés in general, go to deathcafe.com.

Yvonne Heath is the author of *Love Your Life to Death* and launched an audio download of the top seven take-away messages from her presentations on death and dying on Jan. 17. Go to loveyourlifetodeath.com to find the download and to read more.

The Death Café runs from 2 to 4 p.m. at Baked and Battered on Highland Street in Haliburton on Wednesday, Jan. 25. It is free. To reserve a seat, email haliburtonhighlands@carp.ca.

Loon Lake dam work to finish in March

Rehabilitation of the Loon Lake dam should be done by March, Parks Canada said in an update to the community last week.

The structure was built in 1934 and needed major repairs including the replacement of a wingwall, deck and a portion of the piers.

"Beginning in November 2016, Parks Canada staff have been chipping away damaged concrete and are now placing reinforcements and formwork to give the soon-to-be reconstructed dam its shape," the release says.

Concrete will be poured in the coming weeks and will continue until late February with all remaining work done by March.

"New safety railings and signage will then be installed and the project then completed with the cleanup of the site in May," the release says.

Loon Lake is east of Haliburton on Highway 118 before Tory Hill.

Rehabilitation is being funded as part of a larger \$3 billion five-year investment in infrastructure from the federal government.



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Zoning denial coming to council Jan. 23

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However Palozzi disagreed, saying according to the official plan this was the ideal location for this type of business.

"This is a compatible use for the area," said Palozzi.

Martin said a number of written concerns had been received by the municipality, including issues such as increased traffic, noise, lighting and a drop in property values.

Palozzi said he would like the opportunity to resubmit a site plan, based on the concerns received. He also said not all of the concerns and comments were submitted to him in a summary, like he would have wished.

Nearby property owner Sherry Schell spoke to the proposal and said she was vehemently opposed, as it was not a good fit for the neighbourhood. Schell said a gas station would only be good for neighbouring Tim Hortons, as it will bring them more business.

Schell said she was concerned if there was blasting it would damage her well. She said she would pursue legal action should that happen.

Other concerns she mentioned included environmental, such as possible gas leaks; and increased truck traffic resulting in accidents.

Palozzi said a traffic study has been conducted by an independent consultant and that no blasting would be required for the proposed gas station.

Councillor Nancy Wood-Roberts said she thought the applicant should resubmit the site plan, to see if they can meet the required minimum setbacks, and wished to defer the file.

Councillor Susan Norcross had a different opinion, outlining her concerns with the proposal, including increased traffic between Tim Hortons and Whispering Pines, a nearby housing development on County Road 21. She also pointed to the height of the property as a problem.

"I'm not comfortable with this type of use," said Norcross. "It's not a good fit."

Chair of the planning committee, Dysart Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts said she was worried about nearby property values and aspects such as 24/7 lighting and volume of traffic.

"That area is a gateway to our community," said Roberts.

Palozzi said the lighting can be contained and that the company will be spending millions to develop the property and creating jobs for the community.

Wood-Roberts voted to defer the zoning bylaw amendment, while Roberts and Norcross voted to deny it, which was passed.

The recommendation to deny the zoning bylaw amendment will be brought to Dysart council at its Jan. 23 meeting for a final decision. Following the decision there is a 20-day appeal period.

Dorset bridge to be rehabilitated in spring

from page 1

Anyone travelling through Dorset this spring can expect to take a detour.

During a Jan. 11 Haliburton County roads committee meeting, councillors gave roads director Craig Douglas pre-budget approval for work on Dorset's Main Street bridge.

"2017 is the year it needs to be rehabilitated," Douglas told councillors. "It's a one-lane bridge, so to rehabilitate, we have to close it."

Residents will need to use the Highway 35 bridge during the construction period, which, it's hoped, will begin in early spring and be complete by the end of June, leaving the bridge open for the peak summer season of July and August.

Dorset sits partly in the Haliburton County, in Algonquin Highlands township, and partly in the District of Muskoka, in Lake of Bays township. The project is a joint one between the county and Muskoka, with each municipi-

pality contributing \$500,000.

Of Haliburton County's portion, \$375,000 will come from reserves.

Rehab work was last done on the bridge in 2003.

The tender for the work was issued Jan. 11, with the deadline for bids Jan. 26.

Works yard repairs

The roads director is recommending an expenditure of approximately \$103,000 in the 2017 budget for a series of repairs to facilities at county works yards.

These include repairs to the kitchens and washrooms at the Ingoldsby and Highland Grove yards, an emergency power generator in Ingoldsby, alarm systems for the buildings at the three county works yards, and the replacement of large garage door in Eagle Lake.

"The Ingoldsby and Highland Grove washrooms and kitchens are old and run down," a report read. "The kitchen layouts are poor and also serve as storage areas and, in the case of Highland Grove, it acts a change room with locker."

Firefighters battle structure fire on Minnicock Lake Road

A structure fire during the early hours of Jan. 10 had firefighters from both the Dysart and Highlands East departments battling to put out the blaze.

A release from Dysart fire chief Mike Iles said the call came in at 3:47 a.m. and when firefighters arrived at the Minnicock Lake Road address at 4 a.m. they found a detached garage fully engulfed in flames, as well as a single storey house with the roof/attic on fire.

"Fifteen firefighters and six fire trucks from Dysart fire department and six firefighters and two pumper from Highlands East fire department responded to the call," said Iles in the release. "Firefighters remained on scene until 11:52 a.m. to extinguish the fire."

According to the chief, the garage was a total loss, including a car and an ATV that were inside.

"The house has some structure remaining but is a total loss," wrote Iles.

He estimates damage to be \$275,000. The cause of the fire is unknown.

No one was in the home at the time of the incident and there were no injuries as a result.

— Staff



A fire on Jan. 10 on Minnicock Lake Road had firefighters from both Dysart and Highlands East battling to put out the flames. A garage and home were destroyed, with damages estimated to be \$275,000. The cause is unknown. PHOTOS SUBMITTED



School board explains snow day procedures

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Last week students across the county awoke to news that it was a snow day and that buses for Trillium Lakelands District School Board were cancelled.

They heard this news not once, not twice, but three times in a week.

Whether or not to cancel buses is a lengthy decision process by the board, according to a spokesperson for the TLDSB transportation department.

"The decision as to whether or not the buses will be cancelled due to inclement weather is made by the superintendent of business, in consultation with the transportation supervisor, along with the appropriate local bus operators," she said.

The school board is divided into three main districts: Haliburton County, City of Kawartha Lakes and District of Muskoka.

"In Haliburton, every attempt is made to reach a decision by 6:30 a.m.," she said.

The decision on whether or not to cancel buses is based on a variety of factors, including visibility, freezing rain, existing road conditions, current and forecasted weather conditions reported by Environment Canada, extreme cold temperatures and any other information

available.

"The safe transportation of students to and from school shall be the guiding principle in all decisions to cancel bus transportation services, taking into consideration current and forecasted weather and road conditions," she said.

According to a video created by the school board outlining cancellation policies, the transportation department watches the Environment Canada website all day and night for weather statements prior to making a decision.

In addition, bus companies communicate with the transportation department about local road conditions.

Notice of a bus cancellation is posted on websites, such as www.mybustoschool.ca and www.tldsb.ca, as well as through social media. The board's Twitter handle is @TLDSB.

The board also sends an email to all local radio and TV stations about cancellations.

You can also subscribe to receive email notifications from the board by visiting www.mybustoschool.ca.

Notifications are not given if the buses are running.

When buses are cancelled, schools remain open and students can be dropped off by parents if they wish.

A video outlining the cancellation policy can be viewed at on YouTube by searching TLDSB.



Heather Allan of Haliburton won the top prize in Instant Super Money Multiplier with a ticket purchased at Haliburton's Jug City convenience store. Allan took home \$250,000, which she says will go to a new truck and new home. She is getting married in June. Photo submitted by OLG

Haliburton woman wins \$250,000

A recent lottery win means Haliburton's Heather Allan will be able to get the brand new pickup truck she's always wanted.

"Ever since I was a little girl I have wanted a black pickup truck and I am going straight to the dealership to get one," Allan said in a release from the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation.

Allan won \$250,000 in the Instant Super Money Multiplier game with a ticket purchased at Jug City in Haliburton.

She scratched the ticket in her truck outside the store on the day she purchased it, and when she realized she won, began to shake and cry.

"When I told my fiance about my win, I was still crying and he thought something

was wrong. But everything was exactly right," she said.

Between the time the ticket was validated and the day she picked up her winnings, Allan said she's been keeping the ticket close to her, afraid she might misplace it.

"I have been guarding that ticket with my life the last few days, even bringing it to bed with me at night," she said.

She has other excitement on the horizon as well.

"I am so excited to be getting married in June of this year and to be buying a home with my future husband."

The Instant Super Money Multiplier has 10 top prizes of \$250,000.

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Cellular gap top priority for wardens' caucus

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Improving cellular networks and broadband Internet services is the No. 1. priority of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus for 2017.

The EOWC, which represents about 750,000 residents in 13 municipalities in Eastern Ontario, held its annual general meeting in Kingston on Jan. 5 and 6.

"The EOWC remains concerned about the increasing costs of certain services in the region, particularly when we think about our residents and businesses and their ability to pay," Prince Edward County Mayor Robert Quaiff, who was elected EOWC chairman for 2017 during

a meeting in early January, said in a press release. "This includes everything from infrastructure to hydroelectricity and cellular network improvements to natural gas expansion, and the EOWC will continue to work with its partners at the provincial and federal government levels for regulatory changes and cost relief across all sectors – as it has done successfully in the past."

According to a press release, the EOWC's top priority will be continuing to work with the Eastern Ontario Regional Network in an attempt to remedy a lack of broadband connectivity that continues to affect about 14 per cent of the area encompassed by the EOWC.

Between 2010 and 2015, EORN embarked on a \$175-million project that aimed to connect 95 per cent of homes

and businesses within its jurisdiction with broadband, high-speed Internet. Rather than connecting 95 per cent, the initial EORN project connected about 86 per cent of homes and businesses, leaving a coverage gap that envelops about 14 per cent of the region.

A new project, which EORN hopes will get underway in 2018, aims to connect an additional 72,000 homes and businesses, bringing area coverage up to 99 per cent. The project will cost more than \$200 million, requiring the construction of new transmission towers.

Other key priorities for the EOWC for 2017 include growing the regional economy by pushing for the expansion of natural gas infrastructure and a solution to high hydro rates, as well as reducing operational expenses, including policing costs.

"The EOWC will also continue working with its partners in the Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to advocate for legislative solutions that will reduce operational costs for municipalities," said Minden Hills Reeve and Haliburton County Warden Brent Devolin. "By working to alleviate the financial burden on the municipal sector, the EOWC aims to improve the conditions for growth and economic development."

Devolin has said the EOWC and AMO need to push the province to make changes to joint and several liability legislation, which can see municipalities saddled with entire damages for lawsuits even if they are found to be only one per cent responsible in a case, as well as its interest arbitration system.

Survey says largest group of visitors 45 and older

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Jan. 11 meeting of Haliburton County council.

The county tourism department continues to conduct an online survey of visitors to the Haliburton Highlands.

Some 200 of the surveys were filled out between August and December, assessing the demography of visitors to the area, the route through which they enter the county, where they stay, etc.

Seventy per cent of respondents to the

survey were aged 45 or older, approximately 16 per cent were aged 35 to 44 and about 11 per cent aged 25 to 34.

Thirty-nine per cent of respondents identified themselves as being at the family stage of life, 25 per cent as empty-nesters and 22 per cent as couples with no kids.

It's this latter demographic – younger couples with no kids or young kids – where the county focuses much of its marketing attention, trying to increase its market share.

Nearly 37 per cent of respondents had household incomes of \$100,000 or more and more than 72 per cent stay in the area for five days or more during their visits.

To take the survey, visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/VB69L95

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Supercharging the brand

2017, which is the fourth year since Haliburton County launched its #MyHaliburtonHighlands branding, will be about "supercharging the brand," a report from tourism director Amanda Virtanen shows.

Planned social media enhancements for the year include adding new social media channels such as Instagram and Pinterest, taking advantage of Facebook's "live" function, the launch of an "Ask a Local" video series and the development of a digital magazine.

Tourism office closed

The county's tourism office along High-

way 35 in Minden closed on Dec. 2, the long-time tourist information clerk moving into the county building on Newcastle Street.

A change in strategy by the department will see roving tourism employees going out into the community more.

Provincial framework

Part of the province's tourism framework has been to encourage municipalities to attract visitors from outside the country.

"There's been interest in attracting international visitors," Virtanen told councilors, adding she'd been working on that with Haliburton Highlands advertising along the American eastern seaboard.

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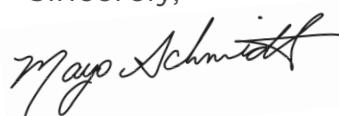
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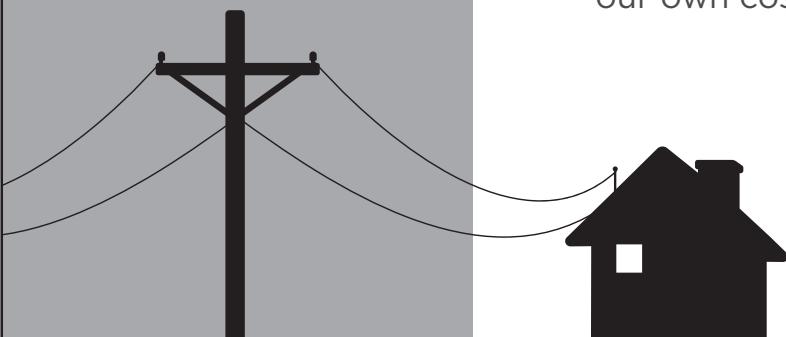
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Sunny day

by Darren Lum

Avoiding tragedies

ON SATURDAY, police in City of Kawartha Lakes were called to a snowmobile crash in a farmer's field. A 49-year-old man who was travelling alone had sustained serious injuries and was taken to Toronto for treatment.

On Jan. 11, Peterborough police responded to two snowmobiles that went through the ice on Stoney Lake. Rescue teams were able to pull one man to safety, who was sent to hospital. The thin ice conditions hampered rescue attempts for the other man, who was located the next day deceased.

Four days before those two incidents, OPP responded to a flurry of snowmobile accidents throughout the central region on Jan. 7 and 8 – three of them involved riders hitting trees and rocks and the other involved going through the ice.

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association keeps their website updated about trail conditions.

As of Monday, no lakes had been staked and none were considered safe. (Go to hcsa.ca/trails to see current conditions.)

The advice of the local club should be heeded by anyone coming through the area.

Every year, dozens of people in Ontario are killed or badly injured on their snowmobiles because of thin ice, poor trail conditions or by making bad

decisions like drinking and driving.

According to OPP information provided last winter, middle aged men are most likely to run into trouble while on a snowmobile (87 per cent of fatalities in the 2014-2015 season were men and 58 per cent were between the ages of 35 and 54), but accidents can happen to anyone and help often can't arrive quickly enough.

More than half of fatalities included alcohol; more than half included speeding and more than half happened after dark or at dusk.

This isn't to harp on those safe riders who take their time, drive safely while exploring Ontario. Those brightly coloured machines parked in our towns bring needed visitors to the region during a slower season and give many people a reason to love the cold winter days.

But risk taking has major consequences for snowmobile riders.

Each year, this newspaper carries stories of people losing their lives while riding. Many times those tragedies could be avoided.

If you ride, please be safe. Check in with the local club to assess trail and lake conditions, keep to OFSC trails, drive sober and stay aware of your surroundings.

Your family, friends and community will thank you.



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Editorial

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Snowshoeing, sunshine and friends

WHAT A TIME WE'RE having. Why Lake WhaddyathinkImean has had more snow over the past two months than we had all last winter. And if you think it's going to lighten up any time soon, ol' Maybelle would have to ask what kind of voodoo moonshine you've been drinking.

Why most days the sky is blanketed with mean-spirited clouds whose mission you can't help but think is to make us all believe it's the sun's fault for not shining. That it's just being ornery. Cranky. Just plain nasty. But the sun is always shining.

That's what it does. It cannot NOT shine. And that's what we need to remember, especially on days when we brood that we'll never see it again... or have to wait 'til spring before we remember how to squint.

But oh, when the clouds do deign to take a hike, and we look out of our windows and see the sun glistening on ice-covered trees, it's hallelujah time! It's better than the biggest sale on the most coveted housewares. Better than eating your favourite desserts at one sitting and not needing Pepto-Bismol. Better than Donald Trump being impeached before he takes office. OK, not that one. Nothing's better than that one.

Yep, when ol' Maybelle sees the sun shining I grab my snowshoes and off I go. And oh, the magic I see. Why all it takes is for the sun to shine on the very same ice and snow covered ground and mounds that look grey and awful most days and that force me to climb over Mt. Fuji from Brewster, my truck, to the sidewalk ... for my spirits to soar higher than a speeding bullet. More powerful than a locomotive. Able to leap tall buildings in a single bound. Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird. It's a plane. No... it's SuperSun!

Now, my good friend Twindle Mumby should wear a sign that reads: FOR A

GOOD LAUGH, WATCH ME...because every time he goes snowshoeing it's like watching a pretzel pretend it's human. I don't know how he does it, but ol' Twindle gets so tangled up putting on his snowshoes that he falls flat in the snow half a dozen times before take-off. And his ski poles? Suffice it to say, it's a real good thing he wears ski goggles, don'tcha know.

Snowdon Park. If you love to snowshoe, or think you might try it, why you couldn't ask for better trails than the ones at Snowdon's wetlands. Why it's eye-candy everywhere you look. And there are even port-o-potties if you need one.

Last week when I was there with Twindle, Vilma Yuccch, Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom and Beanpole Starkman... we decided to take a trail that promised that we'd see an old Lincoln on it. And what a cold day it was, too. Beanpole, who has never owned a pair of long johns in his life, was shaking like out-of-control maracas. Vilma was trying not to think about the cold by screeching a song in Danish, her breath curling like chem trails. Officer

Stanley Penelope McBottom kept checking his action camera strapped to the top of his tuque, his teeth chattering like the kind you find in a joke shop. And, ol' Maybelle, after scouring our snow-laden path for the treasure we had been promised found myself screaming: Somebody stole that CAR!

Back at my cottage, frothy hot chocolate with real whipping cream was just what the doctor ordered as we all huddled together before a warm crackling fire recalling our day's outing in the ffffffreezing, albeit sun-sun-sunny, Haliburton Highlands.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Jerelyn's novel, *Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon*, is available at amazon.com

Maybelle's



Fireside stories

points of view

Out on a limb

THE WAY I SEE IT, MOST TREES ARE DECENT, upstanding individuals. They mind their own business, keep to themselves and generally do not do anything too annoying.

I'm not a tree hugger or anything, but that's been my experience.

The maple in question was a bit different, however. It had a bit of an attitude if you ask me. Take last week – each time I walked by it, for four days in a row, mind you, it pulled my hat off.

I'll admit, on the first day I thought it could have been my fault. Perhaps I had gotten too close and stumbled into the offending branch myself. I was busy paying attention to my dog, after all. Accidents happen.

On the second day, I had forgotten all about the incident altogether and was again walking the dog near the tree. Suddenly, without warning, the branch struck and flung my hat off my head once again. As I waded into two feet of snow to retrieve my tuque, I looked at the tree and began to wonder if it was seeking vengeance for some past transgression.

On the third day, I was ready for it. Unfortunately, just as I was neared it, the dog lunged on its leash and I got distracted once again. When I turned around, that tree caught my hat and threw it three yards into deep snow.

"So that's how you want it to be, huh?" I muttered. "Well, just so you know, I like maple syrup just as much as the next guy..."

That night, as I sat inside and stewed, I would look over towards that tree as it swayed belligerently outside our window.

"Be careful of that maple," I said to Jenn. "It's a real jerk."

Jenn laughed at me and said the things you'd expect any rational person to say.

"It's just a tree," she said. "Calm down and put away that axe."

I did what she said but not before I surreptitiously made a chopping motion at the tree.

The next day, I was completely ready for the tree as I approached it with the dog. I deliberately stopped a few feet before it, ensured my hat was lodged solidly over my head, and then proceeded forward, intentionally steering wide of the branch. But just as I thought there would be no incident, the branch took my hat violently, this time hanging it just out of reach.

After I finished walking the dog, I went inside and found my pruning shears.

Jenn, once again stopped me and told me to get a grip.

"Think about it," she said. "You're having an argument with a tree – and losing."

"We'll see who the loser is after I'm finished," I snapped.

Once again, she calmed me down and told me to be rational.

"That's easy for you to say," I replied. "You have not been bullied by a tree."

"You don't actually believe that the tree is intentionally pulling off your hat, do you?" she asked.

This, of course, is a trick question that you should never say yes to.

"No," I replied, very wisely. "That would be crazy...."

Deep down, however, I did believe it. And I knew why.

You see, last summer, there was that one time when nature called while I was mowing the side yard. And, as a result, that tree received "collateral damage."

Honestly, if I were that tree, I'd want to even the score too.

That evening I walked towards the tree, fully prepared for battle, but it let me walk by unhindered. I nodded and even let out a little smile. The same thing happened the next day and I'll admit I was happy we had come to an understanding.

But when I got inside Jenn was holding her cheek.

"What happened?" I said.

"That @#\$% tree slapped me in the face," she replied.

"You don't actually believe that, do you?" I asked.

The answer, of course, was no – but last time I saw that tree, it was nursing a broken limb.



Loon Tales

steve
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pic of the past

This photo is of Mrs. Dart's Grade 1 class in Haliburton. Bill Archer brought this photo in to the Echo. Third from left in the back row is Billy Roberts, but we're not sure about the other happy faces. Do you know who some of these kids are? Give us a call at the Echo: 705-457-1037 or email jenn@haliburtonpress.com.

letters to the editor

Bank machine should stay

To the Editor,

Many people especially seniors and businesses have been clients of Scotiabank in Wilberforce for many years, and the fact they are being moved to Bancroft was a blow to many of us. I myself do not shop in Bancroft and other than continuing banking with Scotiabank would be the only reason I would have to drive that far. As customer appreciation to those customers to this bank for years, I do not under-

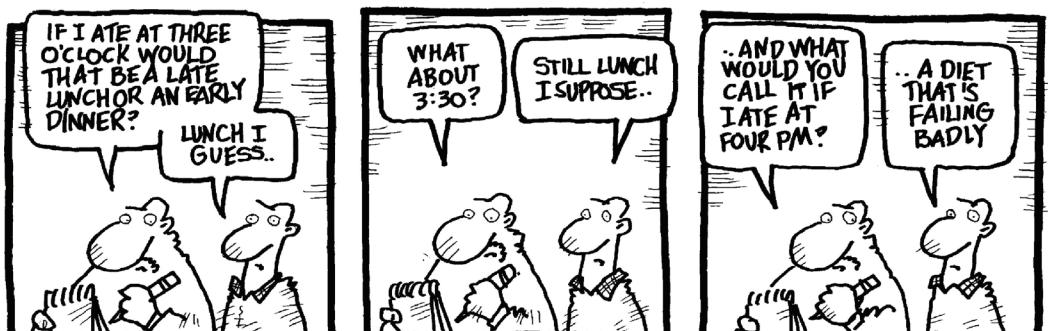
stand why they cannot leave the bank machine where it is. It is in the lobby of Scotiabank which I was led to believe they still lease for another two years. This would satisfy a lot of upset and enable many seniors to bank from home and businesses to continue to support the bank. Just a thought that is all.

Mary Lawr
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Behind the magic

Above: Magician Professor Wick helps Owen Whitteker hold a drill to illustrate how the mind works to make illusion possible during the Professor Wick's School of Magic and Illusion on Saturday, Jan. 14 at the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

Top right: With raised arms, in black, Professor Wick teaches a group of children how to



perform a magic trick during the Professor Wick's School of Magic and Illusion on Saturday, Jan. 14 at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. Wick, who provided a history lesson about magic, revealed a few of his secrets behind some of his magic tricks. The hour long workshop drew more than 30 people. This show was possible because of the Sunday performance at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion by Professor Wick at Razzamataz Kids' Shows! /DARREN LUM Staff

Planting seeds towards understanding

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Canada is getting a little smaller for local students, who are reaching north to Nunavut to learn about a world away with the help of Abbey Gardens.

The Haliburton Home School students, also known as the Garden Patch Kids at the gardens, have started an exchange with students from Arnaqjuaq School, located 2,641 kilometres away in Hall Beach, Nunavut.

The 12 home school students, ranging in ages from six to 12 created the Seed Pals Scrapbook, a binder of information to send and educate the Arnaqjuaq students about life here.

Gardens education co-ordinator Irene Heaven said this is just the beginning of what she hopes is a long and fruitful exchange.

"This first introduction, the Seed Pals Scrapbook is really to introduce who the homeschool group is as individuals and what we do [here] as the Abbey Gardens Garden Patch Kids; what we do here at the program; a little bit about Haliburton and to get them to know about our community and how it is different," she said.

Heaven said write-ups, drawings and photos were included in the binder to show who the students are, the trees and ponds that surround the property. Seeds, which were planted last spring by the home school students in the Abbey Gardens education garden and collected in autumn, were also included so the Nunavut students could plant them in their indoor garden.

The students of Arnaqjuaq School will return the same kind of package later this year.

Hall Beach, which has a population of 748, is also



Haliburton Home School students Lillian Ramsdale, left, and Olivia Humphries look through the Seed Pals Scrapbook that will be sent to Nunavut during an open house for its home school group on Wednesday, Jan. 11 at the Abbey Gardens. The Seed Pals Scrapbook, which was completed by the local students and included content describing who they were and life here in the Highlands, is part of an exchange effort between the Haliburton Home School students and the students of Arnaqjuaq School, located in Hall Beach, Nunavut. /DARREN LUM Staff

known as Sanirajak – the shoreline place – in Inuktitut. It is considered the oldest known permanently inhabited community existing north of the Arctic Circle, according to Nunavut Tourism. It is also known for the annual arrival of herds of walruses. The population comprises of 92 per cent Inuit and the main languages are Inuktitut and English.

The home school students regularly come to Abbey Gardens every Wednesday between September and October and then again April to the end of June as part of their education curriculum to learn about the surrounding outdoors such as the gardens, forests, streams and ponds from Heaven and program co-ordinator Cara Steele.

The exchange idea was initiated by a teacher from the kindergarten to Grade 12 Arnaqjuaq School.

Back in early summer of 2016 Emily Bradford came to the Highlands and visited Abbey Gardens and met with Heaven and Steele. Bradford explained how her school was working on a worm project and held hopes for an indoor gardening program. Where the Nunavut school is located there isn't any soil, or plants or worms like here. Heaven thought the exchange would be educational for everyone involved and followed up with a letter about the exchange.

Joleen Thomas, a mother of three homeschool students, six, eight and 10-years-old sees this as a unique opportunity that could encourage her children to want to

explore the world.

"That they'll want to investigate. Later on, I hope to do a cross-Canada tour. Maybe we'll do a cross-Canada northern upper tour. But [I think this will] give them an awareness of what Canada [is about]," she said.

Heaven appreciates the future opportunities that could come from this exchange, whether its discovering more or establishing pen pals.

Despite the exchange being incomplete, Heaven and the student group have already learned about some major differences in their research to learn more about Nunavut, which doesn't have worms or the plant life we see.

"To us it seems so different because we go out and play in the garden, we plant and see worms all the time. We have trees all around, both coniferous and deciduous. Just that as a starting learning point is quite something," she said. "It will be exciting to see what comes back to us and what they send to us."

She said it deals with things we couldn't understand such as 24 hour day light and 24 hour night time.

"There are so many different things that I think these kids are going to learn. Myself too about how different of a culture it is and how different an environment it is," she said. "When we started talking we just thought: Let's just do this. Let's see if we can get the groups together and because we run this program we were able to do just that and reach out."

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Old ashes can cause major fires

JENN WATT

Editor

The darkness and cold temperatures of the New Year asks us to recede to our dwellings earlier, closing ourselves up in our warm homes, folded into a blanket of snow. We fire up our furnaces and wood stoves, light candles for ambience and dig our way into our doorsteps surrounded by heaps of the white stuff.

It's part of the charm – or pain, depending on your perspective – of winter, but it also means added diligence, maintenance and precaution to avoid fires and to assist those who would come to help.

Haliburton's fire chief Mike Iles says more than anything he sees mishandling of ashes from wood stoves during the winter months. The remains of a warm fire need to be put into a steel pail and set far away from any combustibles. Ashes can start fires days after they were collected.

"I've seen them put in cardboard boxes and left on the deck," Iles says. "Even if the ashes are three days old, I've still seen them be live and hot."

A few years back, Iles attended a fire that he suspects was caused by someone vacuuming up ashes that were still hot. If you decided to clean up around the wood stove or chimney with a vacuum, be sure to put the machine outside when you're done. "That vacuum should be put out in the middle of the yard and left there until you're sure there are no concerns," he says.

Ashes also off-gas, so if you put them in a pail, but don't take them out of the house or garage, they will set off the carbon monoxide detector.

Burning seasoned wood is also an important practice to avoid chimney fires.

Tony Remmig, training officer for the Algonquin Highlands fire department, says when homeowners haven't cleaned their chimneys or they burn wet or unseasoned wood, it can be dangerous.

"[Wet firewood] creates on the lining of your chimney you're going to have what's called creosote. That creosote is highly flammable and catches fire and you get your chimney fires," says Remmig.

For those not using wood stoves, furnaces should be serviced each August or early September to ensure they are in good working order for the winter.

"If you keep a good regular maintenance schedule the likelihood of these events are greatly diminished," he says.

Remmig also reminds residents to ensure good ventilation in the home. "The venting areas for these high efficiency furnaces need to be kept clean and open so there's no back flow of carbon monoxide," he says.

Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are also crucial – and they're the law. In Ontario, you must have a working smoke detector on every storey and outside every sleeping area. Carbon monoxide detectors are also legally mandated and it is particularly important to install them near sleeping areas, according to the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs website, since humans are particularly vulnerable to carbon monoxide poisoning while asleep.

Fighting fires in the winter is much harder than it is during warm months for a multitude of reasons. From frozen equipment and bad road conditions to the reduced capacity of firefighters them-

Winter fire safety

Adapted from the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs

- Place fireplace ashes into a metal container with a lid and cover them with water. Do not dispose of them close to anything flammable or near any structure including your home.
- Use a screen in front of your fireplace to stop flying sparks.
- Use dry, seasoned wood in your fireplace or wood stove.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Keep candles in burn-resistant containers that can collect dripping wax and will not easily tip over.
- Never leave candles burning unattended or while you sleep.
- Keep candles away from windows where curtains or blinds could catch fire.
- Don't use your oven to heat your home.
- Keep all flammable items away from the furnace, fireplace, wood stove or space heater.
- Have your heating equipment and chimney inspected annually by a professional.
- Check for holes or cracks in the flue pipe and pipe seams. If there is soot it could mean there's a leak.
- Do not leave the kitchen if you are frying, grilling or broiling food. If you are simmering, baking, roasting or boiling, check in regularly and stay in the home while it is cooking. Use a timer so you don't forget.
- Grease fires are the No. 1 cause of home fires. If grease in a pot or pan catches fire: smother it with a lid and don't remove the lid until the whole pan has cooled. Turn off the heat. Use baking soda (not flour) on a shallow grease fire. Never turn on the fan. Never throw water on a grease fire.

For more fire safety tips, go to www.oafc.on.ca/winter-fire-safety-tips.

selves working in frigid temperatures, responding to emergencies in the winter requires additional effort and caution.

"Hoses and nozzles will actually freeze," says Iles. "In extreme cases you have to run a new hose."

To avoid that scenario, water is kept flowing through the equipment, but that can lead to slippery conditions around fire trucks – another hazard firefighters must keep in mind as they try to put out blazes.

"The real impact is on the firefighters," says Remmig. "Everything seems to be far more taxing when it's colder weather."

To assist firefighters, or any emergency responders who may need to access your property during the winter, keep snow shovelled both Iles and Remmig say.

When people plow their driveways, they think of the size of their own vehicle, not the size of a firetruck or ambulance, Iles says.

"Then you have difficulty accessing around the building," he says. "One of the issues with winter firefighting is physically getting around in the snow."

Each of the townships' fire departments have staff available to consult with homeowners about fire prevention. They can assist in selecting and placing smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and give information on best protecting your home.

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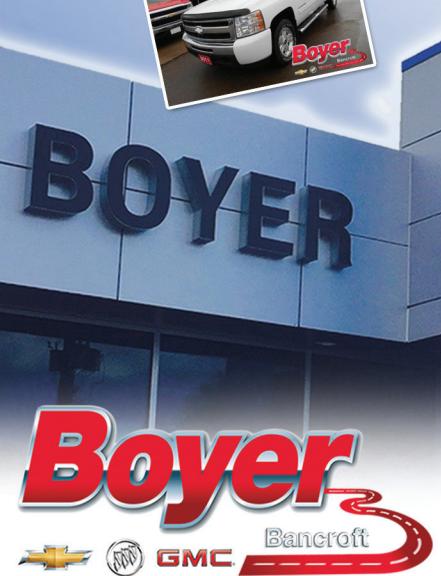
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What is biochar anyway?

Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve is planning a biochar facility off Kennaway Road in Dysart et al. Their various appearances before council to rezone the property means there is plenty of discussion about biochar in the news. But what is it and what can it do for our environment? We asked Nina Shock, project manager of Haliburton Forest Biochar to explain some of the concepts.

Can you tell me in as simple terms as possible, what biochar is – in particular, how it would be made here in Haliburton?

Nina Shock: Biochar is any organic biomass, including grasses, corn stover, livestock manure, fruit pomace, algae and wood, that has been thermally treated in an oxygen-limited environment and typically used as a soil amendment – although other markets for biochar are gradually developing. Haliburton Forest Biochar only makes biochar from wood sawdust.

How long has Haliburton Forest been working on its current plans? In broad strokes, what is the vision of the facility?

Haliburton Forest has been working on its current plans for a biochar production facility for a little over a year. The company is called Haliburton For-

est Biochar Ltd., it is a subsidiary of Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve Ltd.

The mission of the facility is to become a global leader in green technology and renewable biomaterials through the establishment of viable sustainable systems and products.

How does biochar help the ecosystem? How does it address climate change?

Biochar helps the planet by capturing organic carbon that is inherently found within biological material such as wood, thereby delaying carbon from entering the atmosphere through natural processes. Further, biochar can be used in place of fossil fuel derivatives in industrial applications, allowing the divestment from these products in various manufacturing processes. Biochar can also be applied as a soil addition, scientifically shown to increase soil fertility and thereby the health of plants, trees and agricultural crops. When biochar is used in agricultural applications, improvements to crop health and yield address concerns surrounding global food security, as well as the use and over-use of chemical fertilizers. The same properties of biochar that give it agronomic benefits, also make biochar a viable tool for soil remediation, where soils have become degenerated

and nutrient-poor – unable to support life. Brown fields, tailings ponds, abandoned industrial and mining sites, and soils with nutrient and pH imbalances, can be made green again with biochar. For all these reasons and more, biochar is good for the earth and a climate change mitigation tool.

If biochar captures carbon, does it not release it back into the atmosphere eventually?

The more recalcitrant biochar is, the more valuable it is from a carbon sink perspective. A tree that becomes a paper bag could decompose and release the carbon from its feedstock within a month. A tree that becomes a table or a floor joist will hang onto the carbon inside of it a lot longer. A tree that becomes biochar could take anywhere from 500 to 50,000 years to breakdown naturally, releasing the carbon it contains back into the atmosphere. If agricultural and forestry residues, and any other organic residues produced through commercial industry, could be used as feedstock for biochar as opposed to being made into short-lived products, sent to landfills, incinerated, or disposed of by other means, the carbon offsets would be meaningful.

Is the production of biochar a pollution-creating process? Is it an energy intensive process?

Manufacturing biochar involves heat-treating organic matter in a chamber where combustion is minimized. Besides the biochar produced by this process; steam, gases, vapours, and depending on the manufacturer's desires, bio-oil, are also produced. If bio-oil is not desired, it is converted to gases and emitted. These gases include hydrogen, carbon monoxide, light hydrocarbons, carbon dioxide and nitrogen. Everything emitted from the production of biochar and the levels of these emissions are regulated and monitored stringently by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, as is a legal requirement for all industrial manufacturing processes in Canada. In short; no, biochar production, if executed and regulated correctly, is not

a pollution-creating process.

Biochar can be produced by a system that functions at a steady state, meaning it powers itself. The biomass gases escaping the feedstock being used to make biochar are used to heat and power the process. The process uses more biomass gas for power and heat than it does external power sources such as propane, making it energy negative.

Are there downsides to the technology?

By downside I might say there is room for improvement. But I see that as an opportunity to make a great thing even greater; more efficient, more scalable, more cost effective, lighter, stronger, etc. But torrefaction and gasification processes have seen centuries of evolution, this is just a new and exciting phase for this form of thermal technology. One that will soon produce an industrial standard that could revolutionize the way we use and reuse materials throughout the world.

How many other facilities are doing what the Forest intends to do?

If you mean produce biochar, there are at least three or four other commercial operations in Canada.

At least a dozen more throughout the U.S., and numerous others in Europe, Asia, Australia and South America, to name a few spots.

If done on a large scale, what kind of impact could biochar have nationally or globally?

Quantifying the impacts of using biochar in all of its markets and budding markets around the world is a task for a specialist in life cycle analyses. All I should say is if you think about what it would mean for the world to have the forests and our produce grow a little better and faster, to keep fertilizers out of water systems, to rely less on fossil fuels and to turn significant quantities of rapid-mineralizing organic residues into a carbon sink, you're thinking of a better, happier, planet. One that can sustain life a little longer than it would otherwise.



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Given the quality of basketball the senior boys Red Hawks have played over the last month, the team is feeling optimistic about their chances for a deep run in the upcoming playoffs in February. The boys have channelled their frustration with game cancellations due to inclement weather onto the court with tenacious defence and a high octane offence. Here are some of our season highlights to date:

- A solid performance in Kawartha League Interlock play beating Campbellford 49-42 and losing a tight game to Port Hope.
- Convincing victories over LCVI, Gravenhurst, and the HHSS alumni team.
- A wonderful performance at a tournament in Port Hope on Fri. Jan. 13. The boys defeated Quinte Christian 55-39 led by team cap-

tain McKay Coneybear.

- (15 points, eight assists) and Campbellford 56-42 led by sharp shooter Sam Longo.
- (21 points with six three pointers). All 14 team members played inspired ball despite losing in the final to Clarke High School 55-40. No excuses but we played the final with 10 minutes rest against a fresh team.

We have four more league games before the exam break and then the boys head to a tune-up tournament in Pembroke Feb. 3 and 4. Our league play finishes on Feb. 9 and playoffs begin on Feb. 13. Keep up the great effort McKay, Kyle, Sam, Sage, Collin, Brandon, Braden, Cam, Jordan, Jonas, Rylan, Alec, Liam, Zak, and Alex!

– Submitted by Paul Longo

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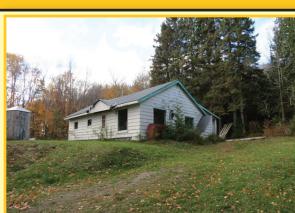
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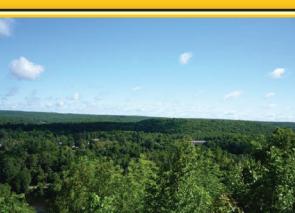
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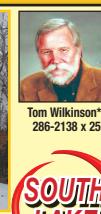
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Forest ready for world event during Canada's sesquicentennial

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The best mushers around the world are converging on the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve for the 2017 Winter Sled-dog World Championship from Jan. 24 to Feb. 1.

Conditions for the event, likened to an Olympics for dogsledding sports have been ideal and the venue is set said Haliburton Forest project manager Tegan Legge.

She said the courses for all classes held during Canada's 150 year birthday are snow covered and have been staked and are ready as of this writing.

"We're good to go. We just need some colder temperatures to set things and it's going to be beautiful," she said, referring to further solidifying bodies of water at the few slushy patches as of Wednesday, Jan. 11.

Legge said there is an air of excitement at the Forest now for the event that will include 261 registered teams and close to 1,000 dogs, which far surpasses the past two events. Back in 2015, Germany had 170 teams and while in Alaska back in 2013 there were 136 teams. IFSS championships are held every two years. Even with teams competing in more than one of the 18 classes, the Highlands venue will host an impressive 136 athletes from 11 countries, which is also higher than the previous events.

"The crunch is on we're getting there," she said. "Those last fine details that we're putting together. Everything is looking really good."

With a \$32,800 purse provided by the Forest, Legge said this was a major contributor to draw athletes.

"The purse is the driver because it helps them with their travel expenses and that kind of stuff," she said. "For us, it's all about bringing more people here. To see our trail system and providing an even better opportunity for athletes to come and compete and giving them that extra little bit to drive them here."

Rather than awarding only the top three the Forest wanted to give incentives to the top five, Legge said.

For example, the greatest portion of the total purse was for the Sled Sprint Unlimited class. It has \$5,500 of the total up for grabs. First place awards \$1,800 while second wins \$1,500, third with \$1,200, fourth with \$600 and fifth with \$400. This is an event that will feature upwards of 22 dogs for one sled and musher.

Although the total purse for the top five of all the classes was a major contributor to the strong size of the field, Legge said, the event is also ideally located, as it is a relatively short three hour drive from the Toronto Pearson International Airport. Legge points out the quality of trails at the Forest is a positive.

Close to 75 per cent of the field is from the United States and Canada. Legge points out some Canadian athletes will be coming as far if not farther than some European competitors. Local skijorer Karen Koehler, an IFSS world champion veteran, is the lone local resident competing for Canada.

The event's 18 classes offers spectators the full array of dogsledding spectacles such as skijoring, pulka, relays, dogsled sprints and middle distance.

It will also include an opening and closing ceremonies, onsite food vendors, snowshoeing and tobogganing.

Legge said the opening ceremonies will resemble the Olympic opening ceremonies,

except on a smaller scale. It will be held outdoors a few steps from the main office building down the road in the field at the start/finish area and include speeches by delegates and dignitaries and feature the March of Flags close to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 23, live music will be performed by the Haliburton Highlands Youth Ensemble to sing the national anthem and local band Fifth Business will perform to start and following the speeches. It will last close to an hour. Seating will be limited to picnic tables so be prepared to stand. The closing ceremonies will be a low key affair and include just the athletes and is not open to the public.

The public will be permitted to walk through the "dog yard" and depending on each athlete will determine the type of interactions. Legge said the public relations for

the IFSS reminded her that this is an Olympics for mushers so many athletes will be very focused. There will not be any formal meet-and-greets with the athletes.

There is no cost for admission for the opening ceremony or the event. However a \$5 daily charge will be levied to each vehicle to cover the cost of parking and shuttling between parking and viewing areas.

Besides the full slate of classes to see, this event will provide a unique opportunity to see the Canadian Eskimo Dog in action, as a mushing team from the United Kingdom is coming to provide short appearances for spectators.

Volunteers are still needed so if interested see www.haliburtonforest.com. For more information contact Tegan Legge at tlegge@haliburtonforest.com or call her at 1-800-631-2198 ext. 210.

Novices battle Stars in playoffs

On Saturday, Jan. 14 the Haliburton Timber Mart/Canadian Tire Highland Storm novice team travelled to Newcastle to take on the Stars in game one of the playoffs. From the opening puck drop the Storm were relentless in their pursuit of the puck and defensive play. The Storm opened the scoring and never looked back. Excellent passing, defence and positional play led to a dominant win for the Storm. Great teamwork and an excellent start to the playoffs. Goals were scored by Liam Harrison, Brechin Johnston, Jace Mills and McLean Rowden. Superb goaltending by Chase Winder led to a shutout. Way to go, team, on a big win!

The Haliburton Timber Mart/Canadian Tire Highland Storm novice team hosted the Muskoka Rock for their last league game of the season on Sunday, Jan. 15, in Haliburton. The Storm scored first and continued to apply offensive pressure to the Rock resulting in more scoring opportunities. Excellent defence kept the Rock outside the offensive zone, minimizing their scoring chances. Storm goals were scored by Liam Harrison, Evan Jones, Jacob Lloyd and Josh Scheffee. Excellent goaltending by Hudson Horsley sealed the deal on the 4-1 novice win. Way to go, team!

After a short rest, the Haliburton Timber Mart/Canadian Tire Highland Storm Novice team were back in action hosting the Newcastle Stars for game two of the playoffs. The Stars came out hard and lit up the scoreboard first forcing the Storm to dig deep and respond. A goal from Liam Harrison tied it

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up but the Storm were unable to contain the fire power of the Stars and dropped this one 4-1. Better luck next time, Storm. The novice team is back in action next weekend when they head to Port Carling for the MPS Novice tournament. Playoff action resumes when the Storm return to Newcastle Jan. 28. Good luck, team!

Submitted by Janice Scheffee

Peewees play hard against Rock

On Sunday, Jan. 15 the JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre peewees took on the Muskoka Rock in Minden. Both teams battled back and forth for the first two periods with the score still at zero going into the third. The Muskoka Rock managed to score two in the third with the Storm playing hard and giving their all. They just couldn't get on the board and the Rock took the game 2-0. The peewees head to Bracebridge on Saturday, Jan. 21, to participate in the MPS play-down tournament first game is at 1:30 vs the Parry Sound Shamrocks and then at 4:30 vs the South Muskoka Bears.

Submitted by Ron Hall

Peewee girls bring home gold

The Leveque Brothers/Rock Breakers peewee girls travelled to Orillia this past weekend to participate in the 21st annual Orillia Hawks Tournament. Friday saw the girls matched up against their division rivals the Peterborough Ice Kats. The Ice Kats were not going to make the game easy on us first thing in the morning as they challenged the girls on every play. Getting the jetlag out finally in the second period the Jets found the scoreboard first by a beauty goal scored by Emma Tidey and assisted by Olivia Villamere and Ava Smith. Having the first game jitters out of the way, Tidey potted three more goals to lift the Jets to their first victory of the weekend with a final score of 4-1. Assists went to Trista Young, Mackenzie Hudder, Megan Jenkins and Ryan Rupnow.

The second game of the day saw them face off against the Temiskaming Puckhounds. In an easier matchup the Jets came out firing on all cylinders with two goals in each period for the second win of the day by a score of 6-1. Goals scored by Elyse Ives, Rupnow, Hailey Hudder, Peyton Armstrong, Jenkins and M. Hudder. Assists go to Armstrong (2), Ives, Rupnow, Chloe Billings, Smith, Villamere and Young. With that win it put the Jets into the quarter finals Saturday night.

Saturday night saw them take on the Puckhounds yet again in an elimination game. The Puckhounds changed up their game play and were a force to be reckoned with. On the edge-of-the-seat style game no goals were scored from either side entering the third period. That came to a quick end when Villamere scored a perfect goal to wake the Jets up and get their adrenaline going, assists going to H. Hudder and Ives. Before the game ended two more snipers stepped up to give the girls their third win of the tournament. Goals scored by Armstrong and Tidey, assisted by M. Hudder and Jenkins.

Sunday morning was a do-or-die semi-final game against Brockville. This game saw a lot more aggressive play but the Jets remained calm with the puck and secured their place in the gold medal game with a score of 3-0. Goals scored by Armstrong (2) and Tidey with assists going to Ives, Jenkins and Rupnow.

The gold medal game saw the Jets facing off against the Kitchener Rangers in a rematch from a tournament earlier in the season that saw the girls on the losing end and they were out for revenge. This game proved to live up to the hype with some great passing, amazing rushes and all shots being turned away at both ends. After three periods and one five-minute overtime the score remained zeros on both sides and headed to a shootout. Lots of eyes were peeking through hands in the crowd as they saw the three shooters from each side take their spot one after the other to face off against the opposing goalie. With Elyse Ives' lone top shelf peanut butter shootout goal and Bella Smolen, the Jets amazing netminder, turning away all three Kitchener shooters, the crowd went crazy as the girls celebrated their gold medal victory. This

weekend saw all the girls play as a team, win as a team and celebrate as a team. Great work, girls, and thanks for bringing home the bling.

Submitted by Melissa Armstrong

Silver medal finish for midget B girls

The Bancroft I.D.A./Red Eagle Family Campground midget B girls travelled to Orillia this weekend, using the Sunshine Tourney to help them gear up for their end of the season wrap-up and their forge into league playoffs and provincial play-downs. On Friday night, they faced off against the Hamilton Hawks in their pool play. Jamie Little opened the scoring midway through the first period with a half-clapper from the point. The Hawks capitalized early in the second to tie the game at 1-1 stuffing home a bouncing puck in the Bancroft end. The Jets continued to pressure Hamilton and with less than a minute in the game, Kenndal Marsden picked up a loose puck in the neutral zone and slipped a sweet wrister inside the blocker-side far post to give Bancroft the 2-1 win. In game two, a 10 p.m. late night tilt against the home team Orillia Hawks, Jamie Little opened the scoring again, early in the first with another half-clapper from the high slot. Orillia tied the game at 1-1 with a deflected wrister that found its way into the back of the net with just seconds left in the first. Both squads continued to battle, with the Jets having the bulk of the chances, to try to find the tie-breaking goal but neither side could find the twine. The tie game gave Bancroft a Saturday bye to another 10 p.m. late night game in the semi-finals. On Saturday night, Bancroft met the North York Storm at the Rama Rink. The Jets opened the scoring early in the first period with Tori Shpikula finishing of a sweet 2-1 pass from Kenndal Marsden. Bancroft's first period pressure continued to frustrate North York and Jules Croskery capitalized, putting a goal-mouth scramble marker up on the board. The 2-0 Bancroft lead energized the game into an aggressive and spirited battle as the Storm tried to stay close. Stellar defence and focused team play stymied any North York attack. Bailey Wilshire put the game out of reach with an empty net 3-0 wrister from the point with less than a minute to play. The Storm did manage to spoil Katie Hoover's shutout with a goal mouth tally with just seconds left in the game.

Looking to build on their spirited effort from the previous night, the Jets took flight in the championship game against the Puckhounds from Temiskaming on Sunday afternoon. Bancroft fell behind 1-0 late in the first period on a defensive breakdown and then 2-0 with a goal-mouth scramble that Temiskaming stuffed into the net midway through the second period. The Jets could not find a way to get on the scoreboard and the Puckhounds put the game out of reach late in the third with an empty net goal. Great tourney, girls, to face some new teams as we push our way into the league playoffs and provincial play-downs. Use this last tough battle and silver medal finish to fuel the tanks for the rest of the regular season and beyond. The Jets' next home game is Saturday, Jan. 21 at 3 p.m. in Haliburton when they host the Lindsay Lynx and then Sunday, Jan 29 at 4:30 p.m. when they host the Keene Wolverines.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Midget A's grapple with Otters, begin playoffs

The Highlander midget A Storm team finally played the last regular season game against the Huntsville Otters Friday, Jan. 13 in Haliburton. It was a tough game from the start and resulted in a 7-4 loss for the Storm. The regular season respectably ended with 12 wins, four losses and two ties.

The Otters took the lead early in the game with two quick unanswered goals. The Storm team got on the board during a man advantage. It began with a nice rush by Owen Patterson-Smith. He gave a sweet drop pass to Chris Thompson who snapped it in for the first Storm goal. A few minutes later the Otters answered back with a goal, making it 3-1. The Storm picked up some momentum nearing the end of the first, while on a power play. Owen Patterson-Smith came around the net and fooled the goalie with a backhanded shot. Help from Shawn Walker and Andrew Hall, ending the first 3-2 for the Otters. The second period began and it was

another quick couple of goals against the Storm, now 5-2. A pass by Lucas Haedicke gave Owen Patterson-Smith the lead and he went full speed and beat the goalie with a great shot. That goal gave the Storm some drive and they used it. Ryan Prentice fed Jon Morrison the puck and he push hard along the boards. He fought his way through the defence and chipped it in, closing the gap to 5-4. That ended the second period and was all that the Storm could do against the Otters. The third period was tough and the Otters calmed the Storm with two more goals and that ended the game 7-4.

The Highlander Storm midget A team began the MPS playoffs against the South Muskoka Bears Saturday morning. It was an incredibly entertaining game that ended after 5-3 minute overtime periods of three on three. The Storm team successfully captured the 4-3 win in period eight with a breakaway by Lucas Haedicke.

The first period offered lots of back and forth action and remained scoreless. The second period was rough with frustration. The Bears scored while on a two-man advantage. Minutes later, they caught the Storm off guard and rushed in for a short-handed goal and that ended the second period, 2-0. Early in the third period, the Storm dominated during a power play. Andrew Hall patiently moved along the blue line and waited for the ideal time to shoot, making it 2-1. Shortly after, the Storm worked aggressively hard and earned another goal. It was Andrew Hall once more, moving along the blue line, looking for the opening, he found it and tied the game. Help came from Owen Patterson-Smith and Owen Gilbert on both goals. The Storm got a major boost that delivered the go-ahead goal. Owen Patterson-Smith led the rush, manoeuvred in and then shot it over to Owen Gilbert, who was ready to top corner the puck. That made it 3-2 for the Storm. Minutes later, the Bears tied it up and that led into overtime. Non-stop, three minutes of three-on-three, it was a nail biter. The exhaustion was clear as each player worked hard end to end. It was the eighth period when fresh legs came on and Lucas Haedicke headed for the puck. He pushed along the boards to free the puck and took off on a breakaway, with his opponent at his heels. He drove straight to the net and found the opening to seal the win for the Storm team. A memorable moment for everyone as the entire team worked hard for this win.

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke



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Red Wolves rink advances in provincial final

On Saturday, Jan. 7, our competitive Red Wolves curling team won B division south east qualifier for the Ontario Curling Association – Special Olympics Ontario Tankard championship.

Coached by Dave McKay and assisted by Dave Piercy, the team of Emily Bocciotto, Trevor Brauer, Brent Leffering, Dawn Piercy and Skylar Pratt finished the competition with a pair of wins and a tie at the Lindsay Curling Club. They made us feel welcomed and served a delicious lunch.

The B divisional game (two ends) was our first win. Our first game was against Mississauga and the score ended 7-3 in our favour. The second game was against Weston, which we won 7-2. Our third game was against Milton, which we tied and had to shoot closest to the button. Milton won the throw (all the games were four ends), but we won the B division by total points.

We are now heading to play Brantford in the OCA-SOO finals hosted by the West Northumberland Curling Club in

Cobourg on Feb. 4.

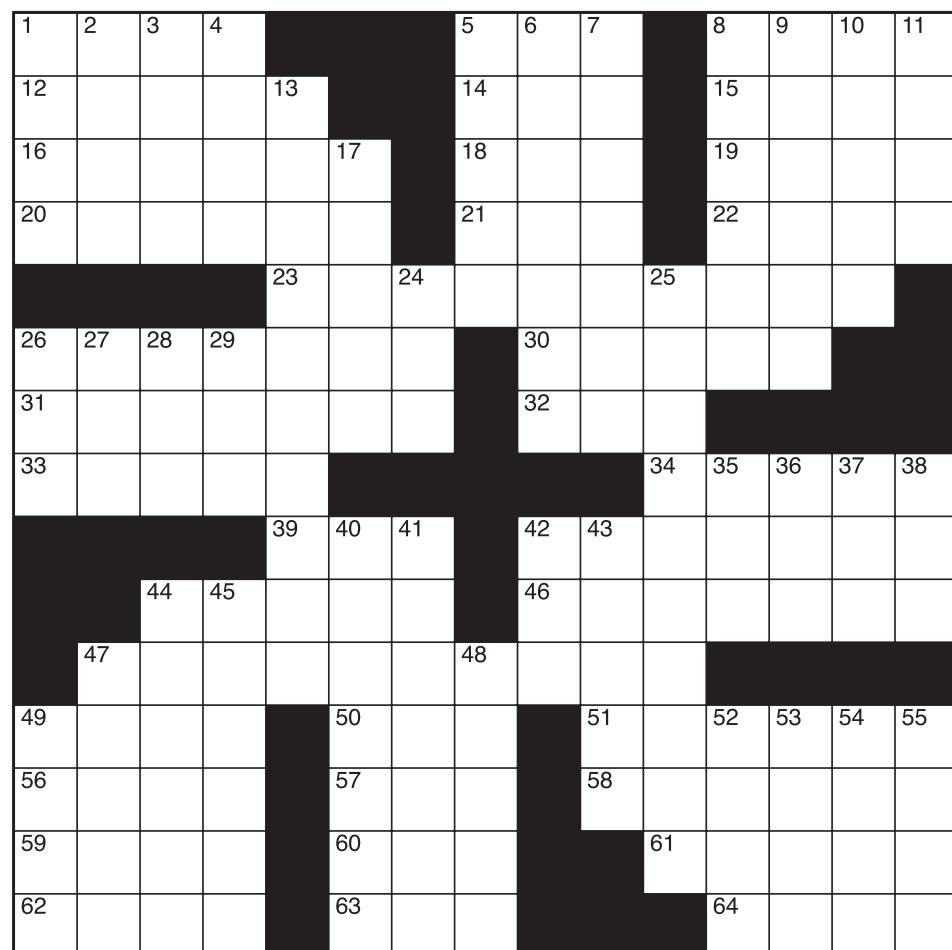
A huge thank you to Dave McKay for being our head coach as well as support

from our athletes' parents. An excellent day for all involved.

Submitted by Tracey Pratt



The Red Wolves Special Olympics curling team from left, Trevor Brauer, Dawn Piercy, assistant coach Dave Piercy, Skylar Pratt, Brent Leffering, head coach Dave McKay and Emily Bocciotto returned as the B division south east qualifiers for the Ontario Curling Association – Special Olympics Ontario Tankard championship. They will now play Brantford in the OCA-SOO finals hosted by the West Northumberland Curling Club in Cobourg on Feb. 4.



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1. Short tributary of the Seille
5. Where you sleep
8. Crinkle
12. Regions
14. United States
15. Icelandic poetry books
16. Transferred property
18. Electrocardiography
19. From here
20. Hunting or observation expedition
21. Used to make cabins
22. Containers
23. Famed patriot
26. Makes less intense
30. Forced to take refuge
31. Campaigner
32. Special security team
33. Egyptian city
34. The Muse of lyric and hymns
39. What newlyweds just said
42. Pain
44. Norwegian village
46. Produced on paper
47. Acceptance
49. Semite
50. Detective Ventura
51. Martens
56. Small mammal related to rabbits
57. Ailsick
58. Itinerant
59. Has spotted
60. Garland
61. Search engine
62. Former Knick and Bull Curry
63. Student selected components
64. Norwegian island

CLUES DOWN

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2. Region
3. The Great Barrier ____
4. Father
5. Civil War general Don Carlos
6. Bodyguards
7. Knives
8. Member of U.S. Navy
9. English prince
10. Expression
11. Giants great Willie
13. Curving
17. Actress Keaton
24. Deploy
25. Medicine that treats animals
26. We all have it
27. Greek goddess of the dawn
28. Kevin Smith film "Chasing ____"
29. City in India
35. Went jogging
36. What thespians do
37. One and only
38. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
40. Obstructs from a course
41. Prophets
42. Prefix meaning on or above
43. Got up
44. Drenched
45. N.Y. State capital
47. Sampled
48. Tending to an end
49. Architectural recess
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DATE:

January 23rd, 2017

TIME:

Any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Planning Department for a delegation time.

LOCATION:

Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has, by resolution, declared the following parcels of land to be surplus.

Applicant:

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- Part of the 66 foot Road Allowance, Registered Plan 362, in the geographic Township of Harburn, defined as Parts 1 & 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Greg Bishop Surveying and Consulting Ltd. dated January 13th, 2014.

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NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portion of road allowance described above.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am. to 4:30 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 10th day of January, 2017.

Patricia E. Martin, M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Director of Planning and Development

Pick up a rock and join the curling club

Weather continues to be a major concern for many residents, snow, rain, ice and temperatures up and down; been plowed out already more than in all last year. Worry about ice under foot and on the eaves and piles of snow on rooftops. Were there really three snow days the first week back at school?

The curling season is now half over at the club in Wilberforce. There are still a few openings on teams that will be playing Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings and on Wednesday daytime mixed leagues. Why not sign up for this second half? Call Ross at 705-448-3744 or John at 613-339-9960 for information and enjoy this winter sport.

Eight teams played in a bonspiel at this club on Saturday, Jan. 14. Taking first place was the team of Steve Grant, Johanna (Jo) Grant, Norm Grant and Sue Grant. In second spot was Tim Winder, Denise Winder, John Trevainen and Donna Trevainen. In third place was Doug Gedy, Wendy Gedy, Rick Phipps and Jan Phipps. Congratulations to them. Also to teams skipped by Ron Roberts, Doug Stephen, Derrick Greg, Cory Stillman and Ron Barr. Always good to have a good mix of local and visiting teams.

The Grant team has many connections here. Norm's parents were the late George and Pat (Tallman) Grant. Sue's mother resides in Wilberforce.

Belated sympathy is extended to the family of Leola (Covert) Pacey who died on Dec. 29, 2016, at the age of 95. Leola was born in Highland Grove to John and Muriel (Bowen) Covert. She married Harcourt (Sonny) Pacey and they resided in the village of Harcourt raising their family and being a big part of life in that community. Her last years since 2012 were spent happily at Hyland Crest in Minden. She will be well remembered by many in this area and by family members that include daughter Doris (John) Meharrie, Donna (Gary) MacDonald, and son Doug (Lynell) Pacey, brothers Ross (Fern) Covert and Don (Edna) Covert and brother-in-law George (Ruth) Pacey. Leola was predeceased by Sonny and her sisters Shirley and Dolly. Visitation and funeral service was at Baragar Funeral home in Bancroft on Jan. 2, spring interment at cemetery in Wilberforce.

A party was held for Brenda Berning and Sharron Flowers to honour them as they retire from their positions at the Scotiabank as it closes on Tuesday, Jan. 17. Friends, family members and co-workers gathered at the

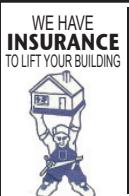
LWMC to wish them happiness in their retirement. Hope they enjoy themselves as they move from many years in the banking world.

Belated condolences are extended to the family of Aldyth Sisson Bishop who died on Dec. 26 in the hospital in Haliburton. She will be greatly missed by her husband Curry Bishop and all of her family. May I share my first memories of Aldyth. The school year was 1948-1949 and I was fortunate that high school students from this area were for the first time being transported to Haliburton. The Grade 11 and 12 classes were in the same classroom. Imagine that. Over by the windows were the Grade 12 students while we Grade 11s were over by the side blackboards. Having taken Grade 9 and 10 in Wilberforce I was very interested in learning who all these people were. I soon did as Mr. Thayer, Mrs. Hall and Miss Williams in turn moved back and forth between the classes. Over in Grade 12 was good looking blonde, Aldyth Sisson, sitting right behind Curry Bishop. Guess Sisson-Bishop love story that lasted over 63 years may have already begun.

- By Hilda Clark

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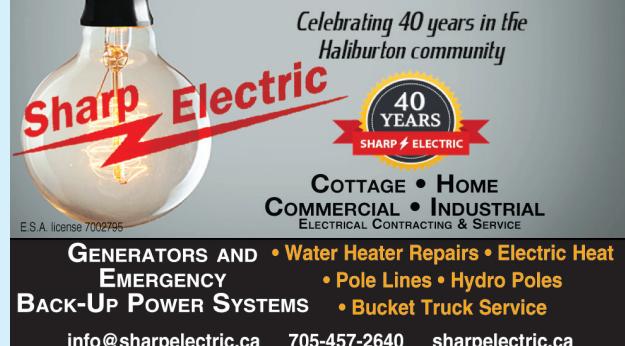
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UPCOMING Community Events

Haliburton County Historical Society

When: Thursday, January 19th, 2017, 1:30 pm
Where: Haliburton Museum
Speaker: Kim Emmerson
Topic: Canada 150 and Dysart 150 - Movie with Music and Sound, confirmed

Robbie Burns Night

When: Saturday, Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m.
Enjoy all things Scottish at the Haliburton Legion for the annual Robbie Burns Night. There will be bagpipes, Scottish dancing, Highland dancing, Scotch tasting, food (including, but not limited to haggis). \$15 per person at the door

The Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton, Presents Todd Nolan in the Clubroom

When: Saturday January 28, 2017
Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom
Time: 4:00 to 7:00 pm
Cost: \$5.00 cover charge for non-members
50/50 draw at 6:00 pm
Enjoy a meat for \$6.00 by the Ladies Auxiliary

Homemade Stew Concert

When: January 28, 7:30 pm
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
A celebration of very talented local musicians playing rock, folk, country, and jazz. Presented by the Haliburton County Folk Society. Tickets at Halco/The Source, Haliburton; Organic Times, Minden; on line at www.haliburtonfolk.com
Contact: info@haliburtonfolk.com 705 - 754-3655

Abbey Gardens Winter Workshop

When: Saturday January 28, 11:00am-3:30pm
Where: Abbey Gardens, 1012 Garden Gate Drive, Haliburton
Enjoy a guided snowshoe and learn to make wood-fired pizza (and eat it too) from 11am-1:30pm. In the afternoon, choose from a selection of workshops such as brewing beer, bread making, coffee tasting and more! Join us for a portion or the entire day!
Contact: Cara Steele, cara@abbeygardens.ca 705 754 4769.
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Family Literacy Day Story Time and Craft

When: January 28, 11:00am
Where: Haliburton County Public Library – Dysart Branch
Celebrate Family Literacy Day with us with a story followed by a craft! Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.
Contact: info@haliburtonlibrary.ca or 705-457-2241

Haliburton Blood Donor Clinic

When: Monday, January 30th, 1:30-6:30pm
Where: Haliburton Legion, 719 Mountain St.
To book your appointment please visit www.blood.ca

Winter Tracks & Signs

When: Saturday, Feb. 4, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Where: Nature's Place, Minden (Bobcaygeon Rd, just behind the library)
Please register at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca as there are limited spaces and craft supplies for this fun workshop. Dress for the weather.
Cost: Admission by donation.

Leader: Wildlife Biologist Irene Heaven, Education Coordinator of Abbey Gardens.

Razzamataz Kids Shows

When: Sunday February 26, 2017, 2:00pm
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
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Reptile Road Show

When: Saturday, Mar. 18, 10 am start time until noon (arrive before 10 please for registration)
This is of our most popular events of the year! The knowledgeable folks from Scales Nature Park will bring their highly acclaimed outreach program to Haliburton once again, with a selection of interesting snakes and turtles for us to see, touch, and learn about.
Tickets must be purchased before the event either online at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca or in person at our office at 739 Mountain St. Haliburton.
Cost: General Admission, \$15.00 per adult, \$10.00 Per child, Family Pass (up to 2 adults and 2 children) \$30.00
Location: Haliburton Outdoors Association Fish Hatchery, 6712 Gelert Rd. Haliburton

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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The Haliburton County Tourism Committee is seeking an interested individual to fill a vacancy as a Committee member for the remainder of the four-year term of Council ending November 30, 2018. We are seeking a public appointee who has an interest in the County Tourism industry.

Any person having an interest in being appointed to the Tourism Committee is invited to submit an expression of interest no later than **Friday, February 10, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.**, detailing relevant experience and skills to the attention of:

Michael Rutter, County CAO/Clerk
County of Haliburton,
11 Newcastle Street, P.O. Box 399,
Mindens, Ontario K0M 2K0
705-286-4829 fax
mrutter@county.haliburton.on.ca



What do you write when you get no input? Wouldn't be so bad if anything happens to/for the columnist's life.

When it's so quiet that I resort to knitting or sorting long forgotten or neglected clippings, cards or letters it is becoming all too quiet. Give me a call or come and see me. Tell me about your travels or unexpected happenings. There must be something that doesn't end with "but don't put that in your column"!

I have learned that the laundromat has changed hands. So far I have no surnames but it is Toni and Kim who now operate the business and we welcome them heartily.

No euchre last Tuesday night, thus ends the so-called news.

Ah-ha! Something happened next door to us at Abbey Gardens: The Full Moon Series began with Lynda Shadolt's presentation of Moon Yoga. The date was Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. and included music for the relaxing time with meditation on the moonlit night.

The Sky Slider article by the editor brings to mind a few Guilford names. Ed Muenzel was manager of the operation after Dennis Casey. Ed had also installed the chair lift and two slides. John Henderson and his sister, Valerie worked there, Valerie for two years in the kitchen and on the waterslide for a year.

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2017 Budget

The Council of the County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that Haliburton County Council will be discussing the 2017 budget on the following dates:

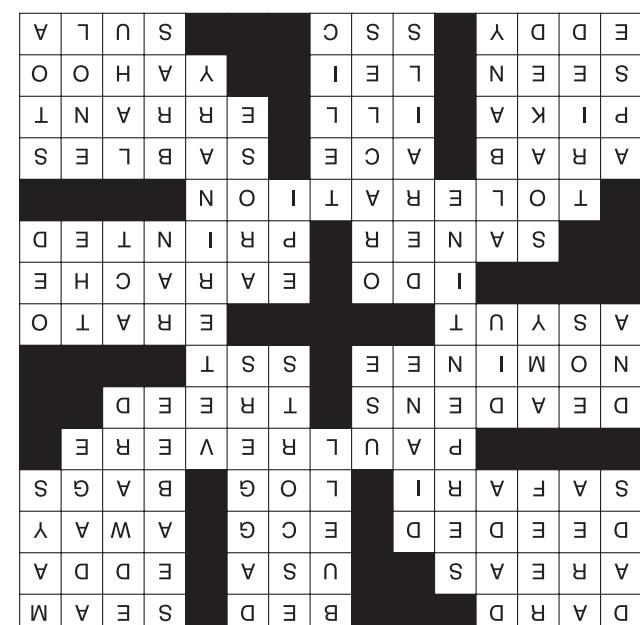
- Friday February 3, 2017 and
- Wednesday, February 22, 2017

Tariff of Fees

And further take notice that Haliburton County Council will be reviewing and considering amendments to the Tariff of Fees at the Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2017.

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CROSSWORD ANSWERS



Echoes from the Past & Times gone by

Rotary tennis courts popular spot in village

The most popular spot in town these days seems to be the new tennis courts at the Rotary Beach.

Practically every day from morning until dark the tennis courts are crowded with young and old who are really participating in this ever popular growing sport.

There are so many players trying to get on the courts that at times it's very hard to get on for a game.

We are really pleased to

see so many young people taking up the game and tennis players from all parts of the county are coming here to play on the courts.

The game of tennis is so popular that we noticed that the players are even playing in the rain.

The Rotary Club of Haliburton is to be congratulated for having the foresight to erect this wonderful project.

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The members of the Minden Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police are shown in this group photo in front of one of the new OPP Helicopters which is a new facility which will be at their service whenever needed. Police Week has been designated from May 11 to May 17. This is your invitation to visit the Minden OPP Detachment during Police Week.

Back Row standing: Prov. Consts. Wood, Clendenning, Maher, Magee, Potter, Connelly, Solway, Pearson, Devereaux, Buchanan, Bibby. Front Row seated: Const. Telford, Legge, Judy Francis, Cpl. Baker, Sgt. Dubé, Cpl. Edwards, Pat Taylor, Don Walker, Const. Popp. Absent from photo: Cpl. Stevens, Consts: Brown, Hickey, Jarvis, Ladurantaye, Martin.

For Paraplegic Bus**Hyland Crest residents launch fund drive**

For some time now the residents of Hyland Crest Home have been thinking about a Paraplegic Bus, that is a bus with a hydraulic lift so that those confined to

wheelchairs could be lifted into the bus.

Their concern is not just for themselves but for all handicapped persons in Haliburton County such as

those in the Sheltered Workshop and the Nursing Home.

Last year a program was started to take a hot meal to those who were not able perhaps, to cook a balanced meal. It soon became evident that these senior citizens looked forward to a visit as well as the meal. However the program had to be discontinued because of the lack of volunteer drivers.

With the paraplegic bus these people could be picked up and brought into Hyland Crest and thus start a "Day Centre" where they could look forward to at least one day a week of companionship and activities along with a good balanced hot meal.

We understand that the Rotarians from several districts are building a centre for treatment of Crippled Children in Peterborough. To get the handicapped children from Haliburton County to Peterborough they are going to need transportation of some kind. Why not the Paraplegic Bus?

Upon the proof that the bus will be put to good use the Ministry of Community

and Social Services of Ontario will share in both the purchase cost and the operation cost of such a project.

The residents of Hyland

Crest have opened a Paraplegic Bus Fund account with the deposit of \$452.75. These senior citizens are determined to see this bus become a reality and are asking your help too. They are planning a Grandmothers Tea on May 10 at Hyland Crest Home, Minden from 2 to 4 p.m. This tea and a plant sale is strictly their project, please come and they will be happy to serve you tea and refreshments for only 50¢.

It is hoped that all service clubs and other interested people will support this much needed transportation for the handicapped and the senior citizens who make up 43 percent of the population of Haliburton County. If you

wish to make a contribution or wish more information please contact Lily Rawlins at Hyland Crest Home, Minden, phone 286-2140.

**Lily Rawlins,
on behalf of the Residents of
Hyland Crest Senior
Citizens' Home.**

Editorial

Government land buying should stop

It seems that every year the rumour is circulating that the provincial government is going to take over Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve.

As we understand it the government now owns more than 80 percent of the land in the Province of Ontario. We are told that well over (300,000) three hundred thousand acres of this land is in Haliburton County. This does not include the Townships of Brutor and Clyde which have been taken into the vast area of Algonquin Park. This we think prompts the question "Does the government need anymore land?"

If the government continues to take over our lands where do we stand in the future as far as future development is concerned?

Where Haliburton Forest and Wildlife is concerned it is a mystery as to why the government would want to take over a private enterprise that is being operated so well. As we are all aware of how government operates, it would be a shame to spoil something that is servicing so many people so well.

The operating of Haliburton Forest and Wildlife serves the camper, the fisherman, the hiker, the bird watcher, the canoeist, the hunter, and especially the cross country skier, the snowshoer and the snowmobiler. People come from all parts of Canada and the U.S.A. to enjoy the facilities that are offered at this privately operated reserve. We also understand that they have a well planned harvest of timber so that the land will never be stripped of forest. This same group has had a great deal to do with the orderly fashion in which the Kennisis Lake area has been developed.

Again we say, where do we in Dysart look to future development if large tracts of land such as this are taken over by government.

In our opinion it is time the government started to spend some money on developing the properties that they now own. Let us with private enterprise develop our land to the best advantage and to serve the people as we see fit.

If government continues to take over our land it can do nothing but force the price of what is left out of range of the very people it hopes to serve. We feel that our own elected representatives are capable and best qualified to look after our interests and that of our city friends who enjoy our county so much.

Wolf in backyard

When someone cries wolf and you look out and see one close to your back door it's time to take action.

On Friday morning at 10:00 a.m. Mr and Mrs George Holland, who live near the Essonville Road, looked out and saw two wolves out by their barn

very close to the cattle.

Mr Holland rushed around to get his gun, but by the time he got to the barn the wolves had taken off for greener pastures.

It would appear that these wolves are getting very bold.

Parking meters fail to solve problem

A few years ago the council of the Municipality of Dysart et al decided to put in parking meters in Haliburton in an effort to get the local merchants and employees to park elsewhere and let the visitors and potential customers use these parking areas.

This change made a difference, but as we understand it not enough.

It would appear that the local merchants and their employees are still parking all day on the main street and are willing to pay the parking tickets, when their meter time runs out. In

other words nothing has been accomplished.

The council which considers this parking situation as just a case of common sense is asking the merchants and their employees to please park their vehicles in other parking areas around town so that the customers can get parking space on the main street when they want to do their shopping.

We have all been offenders at one time or another and if we expect people to come to Haliburton to shop we must furnish them with central parking.

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The successful candidate would have the following skills and background:

- Handyman interest and skills; the ability to handle minor repairs and maintenance activities
- Proven customer service skills
- Good physical condition and interest in working outdoors for much of the time; sample tasks include lawn-mowing, tree-trimming and ice rink maintenance
- Ability to work cooperatively with local contractors and service firms
- Experience with the use of most power and hand tools
- Ability to work independently for long periods of time, while working under the guidance and priority-setting of the Property Manager and Board
- Ability to plan preventive maintenance programs and recommend optimal approaches for maintenance and operations

Ideal candidates would also have:

- A small truck, SUV or similar vehicle that would be available for specific maintenance activities such as handling recycling materials or trash
- A smart phone with both a cell and data plan for emergency contact and remote cottage monitoring
- A Small Drinking Water certificate for Ontario
- Experience at a resort or timeshare property with property management

The expectations will be for a 40-hour week with some on-call work when an emergency response is required. The salary will be set based on the successful applicant's skills and experience but is expected to be in the \$20/hour range.

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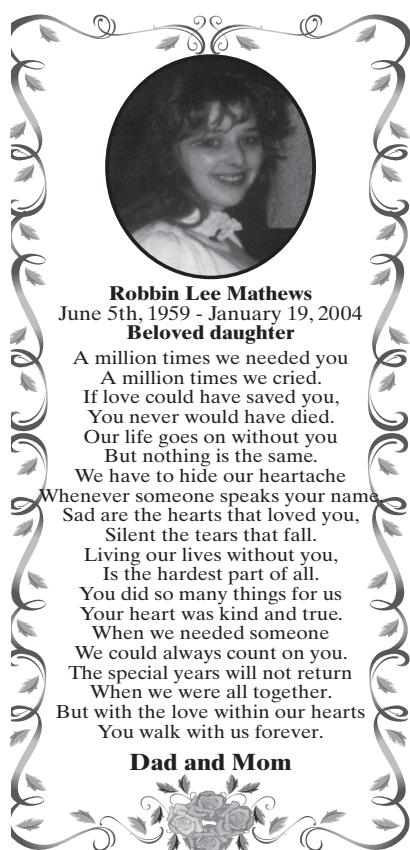
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A Service to Celebrate Paul's Life will be held at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 11:00 am. Reception will follow at the Pinestone Resort, 4252 County Rd., #21, Haliburton. Cremation has taken place.

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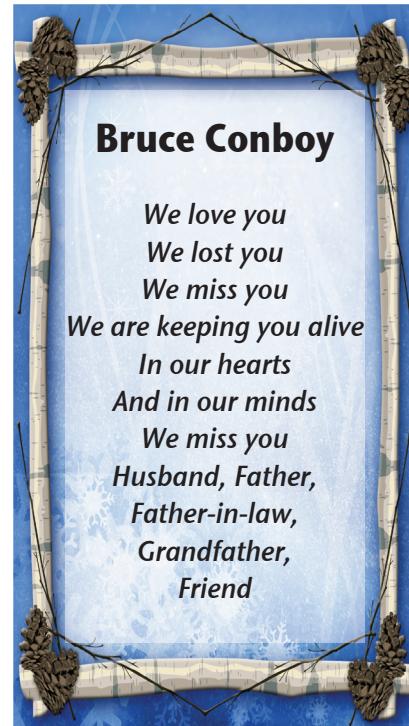
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June White (nee Terry)

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Visitation, Mass of Christian Burial & Reception

Friends were invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Friday evening, January 13, 2017 from 5-8 p.m. Then to ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA 27 Victoria St. Haliburton on Saturday morning, January 14, 2017 for Mass of Christian Burial at 11 o'clock. Interment later St. Anthony of Padua Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy donations to St. Anthony of Padua or Places For People would be appreciated by the family.

Prayers were held on Friday evening, January 13, 2017 at 7 p.m.

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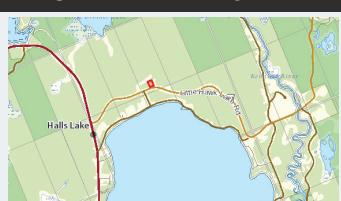
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